

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

The Fundamental
Difference

OF the several implicit admissions of fear and doubt made by Mr. Molotov at the Geneva talks none was more revealing than his refusal to consider free elections for the German people. In effect he said the East Germans could not be trusted to vote for themselves, wherefore it was not for the people to decide their future, but was the responsibility of governments—even governments whose authority had been established by, and was maintained by, foreign military power.

There revealed was the real deep gulf between Western and Soviet conceptions, and the deep difference between the political systems of Western and Eastern Europe. The difference between their economic and social structures is of far less consequence. The fact which dominates the whole European scene is that the nations of Western Europe are nationally and internally free, and those of Eastern Europe are not.

IN the West each country has a government which exists as the result of free elections and of free discussions and votes in free parliaments. And each country has complete freedom to choose its own foreign policy and its own international associations. Most of them are members of NATO. They are so by their own free will. The treaty by which each adheres to the NATO system was ratified and approved by their parliaments.

If proof were needed that this political freedom is genuine it is provided by the French Assembly's rejection of the European Defence Community and the rejection by the people of the Saar integration plan, which was conceived by France and West Germany and supported by Britain and the United States. These decisions were manifestations of the realities of democracy and freedom in Western Europe.

WHAT of Eastern Europe? There the whole picture is entirely different. In every one of the so-called peoples democracies there is a government whose authority is based not on the consent of the governed, but on the coercive power of what the Communists call "the State apparatus." And in every case the policies of the government—both external and internal—are controlled from Moscow. With the single exception of the complete and successful revolt of Yugoslavia there is no known case of a satellite government taking any decision or any action against the wishes of the Soviet government.

The system in Eastern Europe is in fact, in the strictest sense of the term a colonial one. That is the real issue in Europe, and the international tension under which it has suffered for the past ten years is the direct result of the creation and extension of the Russian system after the war.

During the wrangling which went on in Geneva as to whether the East Germans should have the right to choose if they so wished to unite with the West Germans, Mr. Molotov made the fundamental difference between West and East suddenly and startlingly clear. And it is a difference which is not limited to the one case of Germany. It is the difference between democracy and totalitarianism.

Chin Peng, Boss Of The Malayan Communist Party Says—
"LET'S HAVE PEACE TALKS"

S. Vietnam
To Expel
French
Journalist

Saigon, Nov. 17. South Vietnam police headquarters in Saigon today informed a French newspaperman, Lucien Bodard, that he was to be expelled from the country.

The South Vietnam authorities were reported to have given no explanation for the expulsion and refused to consider the journalist's appeal against their decision. Bodard is the first Frenchman expelled by the Saigon government.

Bodard has been correspondent in Saigon for the mass-circulation Paris evening newspaper France-Soir for the past seven years and was for a long time Indo-China war correspondent.

PROTEST LETTER

Newspaper correspondents in Saigon today sent a letter of protest to Premier Ngo Dinh Diem against the expulsion and complained particularly against the absence of an explanation.

The protest was signed by the correspondents there of the French news agency, Agence France-Presse, the American news agencies Associated Press and United Press, the Paris evening newspaper Le Monde and the French magazines France-Illustration and Paris Match, and the weekly Carrefour.—France-Presse.

Politician
Loses Immunity

Paris, Nov. 17. The French Council of the Republic (Senate) tonight removed the parliamentary immunity of Senator Rene Laniel, brother of the former French Premier, Joseph Laniel, by 266 votes to 8.

The move was made following a request from the Ministry of Justice stating that Laniel, a Conservative Independent Republican Senator, was wanted for prosecution on charges of fraudulent business practices and issuing bad cheques.

Speaking in his own behalf tonight before the Council of the Republic, Rene Laniel declared that his biggest error was "to have trusted banks."

He asked that the motion be adjourned for three months until an investigating committee could complete its work. Laniel's request was rejected and his parliamentary immunity was removed.—France-Presse.

FLATLY REJECTS
GOVT'S
AMNESTY OFFER

Singapore, Nov. 18. Chin Peng, Secretary-General of the Malayan Communist Party, wants to negotiate "peace" with Tengku Abdul Rahman, the Chief Minister of the Federation of Malaya.

He has given this indication in a letter which the Tengku will receive tomorrow morning.

Chin Peng's special envoy and propaganda chief gave pressmen a statement from Chin Peng which specified the main lines of the Malayan Communist Party's approach to peace.

In the statement Chin Peng spoke throughout of "peace talks," an indication that he intends the meeting with Tengku Abdul Rahman and the Chief Minister of Singapore, Mr. David Marshall, to be a form of negotiation.

At the same time he rejected the government's amnesty outright.

"It is unreasonable, impracticable and entirely unacceptable," the statement said.

Chin Peng in his statement said that two questions must be settled before the "coming peace talks" which he forecast would be full of difficulties and obstacles.

These questions were firstly there must be a "concrete assurance" for personal security and freedom of movement of Communist delegates, including Chin Peng, for the duration of the talks and during their journey to and from meeting and secondly an agenda must be drafted.

The statement disclosed that at the first meeting of envoys on October 17 the Communist representative did not agree with arrangements suggested by government representatives I. S. Wylie, Deputy Commissioner of Police, and T. J. Hing, Assistant Minister of Education.

NO AGREEMENT

They then discussed the question of local ceasefire arrangements which had to be settled first.

"No agreement was reached," the statement said.

"The meeting is to be continued. We hope that agreement on arrangements for peace talks will be reached as soon as possible."

The statement added: "The broad masses hope that both sides concerned will approach all questions concerning peace talks with a sincere, conciliatory and tolerant attitude."

The statement said that the Communists were "opposed to such methods to end the war as outlined by the federation government in its amnesty declaration because those methods being equivalent to surrender offers are unrealistic and unreasonable."

The attempt to induce Communists to surrender would only create an atmosphere disadvantageous to the peace talks, Chin Peng said.

"Today there is no ground for anybody to doubt possi-

bility of materialization of peace talks and of reaching a reasonable settlement," the statement said.

"The Korean armistice in 1953, the armistice in Indo-China last year, the Afro-Asian conference and the meeting of heads of governments of the Big Four held this year have encouraged greatly both the movement for world peace and the movement against colonialism."

SLANDER COMPLAINT

The statement said there were "unprecedentedly advantageous circumstances" for ending the war.

But the Communists were aware of the difficulties and obstacles that might possibly be encountered as there was "a handful of influential and bellicose elements."

The statement complained that the terrorist organization had been slandered.

There were "libellous rumours" which asserted that there was "inconsistency of policy" within the organization.

This attempt to "take the will of its members was one of the obstacles to success of the peace talks, the statement said.—Router.

Rio: Military Move In

POLITICAL
TENSION
IN BRAZIL

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 17.

Army tanks, armoured cars and troops moved into strategic positions in Rio today as political tension mounted in this capital city which saw three Presidents succeed each other in four days last week.

The Army units rumbled through the streets after the Navy Ministry cancelled all shore leave for officers. A large bloc of Navy officers is understood to favour barring President-elect Juscelino Kubitschek and Vice-President-elect Joao (Jango) Goulart from taking office on schedule on January 31.

Most Army officers, on the other hand, want the results of the October 3 election respected.

TAKE UP POSITIONS

Motorized troops and anti-aircraft units took up positions in Santa Ana Park, across the streets from the War Ministry. Tanks and armoured cars lined Brazil Avenue, the main access to the key Galeao Air Force base.

A Navy spokesman said the summons for officers to report to the Ministry was only a move to relieve personnel who had been on duty under the alert in effect since last Friday and that standby orders had been relaxed.

Nevertheless, Army motorized units, including several shipboard tanks, anti-aircraft units and tanks, stayed on duty around the War Ministry.

COS REPLACED

The Presidential Palace announced that Colonel Carlos Marcelino Madeiros had replaced Colonel Carlos Batista Teixeira as Chief of Staff of the Federal Police.

Today's move came amid reports that President Joao Cafe, now on sick leave, may attempt to resume office shortly.

The Diarios Associados, newspaper group said the War Minister, General Henrique Teixeira Lott, would call out the Army units to forestall President Cafe's return to power.

General Lott led a successful Army coup last Friday against acting President Carlos Coimbra de Luz. Luz, who had succeeded Cafe, was suspected by Lott of siding with those who wanted Kubitschek and Goulart barred from office.—United Press.

Army Chaplain & Two
Priests Arrested

Buenos Aires, Nov. 17.

A Roman Catholic army chaplain and two priests were arrested today in a Catholic home where spiritual exercises are held and were charged with an attempt against the security of the Argentine state.

They also claimed the priests gave sanctuary to ten Catholic workers who acted as pickets during a recent strike organized by the Peronista General Confederation of Labour.

The Confederation appeared tonight to have been routed all along the line by a "frontal attack" from President Aramburu's government.—Reuter.

UN MEMBERSHIP "PACKAGE DEAL"

ALL OR NOTHING
SAYS RUSSIA

New York, Nov. 17. The Soviet Union placed squarely up to the United States today the decision whether to accept Outer Mongolia or to endanger the chances of the other 17 applicants for United Nations membership.

Addressing a press conference at UN headquarters, Mr. Vasily Kuznetsov, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, said it would vote for the admission of all 18 applicants if it was assured all 18 would be admitted.

The United States had been objecting to Outer Mongolia, one of the five Soviet-sponsored candidates.

Asked how anyone could be sure that Nationalist China would not veto the project, Kuznetsov said: "Mongolia, Mr. Kuznetsov brought a roar of laughter by remarking: 'I would prefer not to reply to the question. I think the gentleman in question knows how the matter could be settled.'"

Observers interpreted his remark to mean that the United States could bring pressure to bear on the Nationalist government.

INDEPENDENT STATE

Mr. Kuznetsov declared that Outer Mongolia was an independent state with a government fully supported by the people and claimed that it had "considerable success in the development of its economy as well as registering important successes in the field of culture."

He added that the Mongolian People's Republic had been recognized as early as 1946. China has recognized it officially and the Republic had established formal relations and political ties with a number of countries.

United States delegation spokesmen declined to comment on Mr. Kuznetsov's statement, but many delegates thought that the United States would be forced eventually to give up its stand against Outer Mongolia.

CONSULTATIONS

Consultations were meanwhile continuing among the representatives of Britain, the United States, the Soviet Union and France in an effort to reach agreement on the membership question before it comes up in the Security Council, probably next Tuesday.

Britain has said officially that it would be prepared to secede in admitting Outer Mongolia if that would help to break the five-year-old deadlock on the membership issue. France has yet to state its views. M. Herve Alphand, permanent French delegate, told correspondents yesterday that he still had not received instructions.

Before embarking on any formal vote in the Security Council both the Soviet Union and the West will want to assure themselves that nothing is likely to go wrong.

Reports were current tonight that if necessary a private meeting of the eleven-nation Security Council would take place so that they could have a rehearsal of the voting to make absolutely certain that each candidate would receive the necessary seven affirmative votes and that there was no veto cast.

For instance the United States has said that it would abstain on four of the Soviet-sponsored candidates: Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania. But an agreement would be reached beforehand to ensure that

Heroin Worth
\$10,000,000
At Large

Police Of 4 Nations
Join In Search

Milan, Nov. 17. Police of four nations are searching for 31 pounds of missing heroin worth \$10,000,000 to American pedlars, officials reported today.

Police said Canadian narcotics agents seized half of a 62-pound shipment worth \$20,000,000 last Thursday, but the other half is missing.

Reliable sources said police believe the heroin may have reached Western Europe originally from behind the Iron Curtain.

Two unidentified Italian brothers were believed to have handled 62 pounds of refined heroin in Paris, the police said. Half of the lot was seized aboard the French ship St. Malo in Montreal Harbour. The other half was diverted and had "disappeared in Europe", the police reported.

HQ IN MILAN

Italian officials said police of the United States, Canada and France had joined in the search for the heroin to keep it from the American underworld.

The police are convinced that a secret headquarters of an international narcotics smuggling ring still operates in this Northern Italian city, which is home to some 500 foreign mobsters who were deported by the United States.

It was in Milan that the police arrested Raphael Salina, 43, a Frenchman, with 8.8 pounds of pure heroin in his possession, destined for the United States.

His arrest led to the haul aboard the St. Malo when Charles Siragusa, Rome agent of the US Bureau of Narcotics, and Canadian officials, United Press.

BOMBS THROWN
AT POLICE HQ

Nicosia, Nov. 17. Two bombs exploded in the British military police headquarters building in the northern part of Nicosia tonight, injuring one soldier.

Two British commando officers were slightly injured earlier in Limassol when Greek students rioted for the fourth successive day.

The students, quelled by British troops with tear gas and baton charges, were again protesting against the death sentence passed on Michael Kallias, a young Greek Cypriot, for the murder of a policeman.—Reuter.

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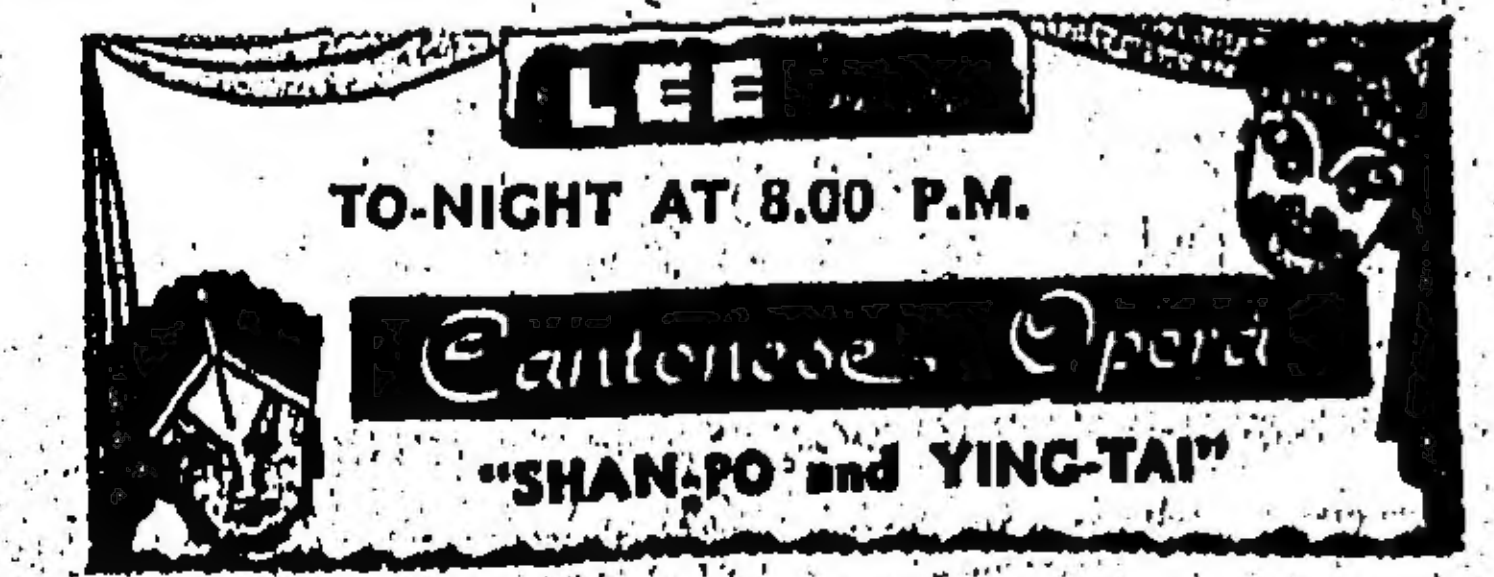
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London, Nov. 17.

The British leftwing Labour Party leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan, today suggested that "Russia as well as the Western Powers should be asked to guarantee the existing frontiers of Israel and of course those of Egypt and the other countries bordering Israel."

He added: "Such a guarantee would end all fears."

Mr Bevan, writing in the weekly review, Tribune, said: "It is worth examining whether this was not the purpose Colonel Nasser (the Egyptian Prime Minister) had in mind all along."

"If the uncertainty about the future of Israel could be ended by a four-power guarantee," he wrote, "Egypt would then be provided with an answer to the members of the Arab League who are always pressing Egypt to tighten the net round Israel."

"She could scarcely be expected to quarrel with all the Great Powers."

"Even if Colonel Nasser had no such intention behind his request for Russian arms, a four-power guarantee would relieve him of much embarrassment,"—China Mail Special.

SYRIAN ENVOY'S OBJECTION

Washington, Nov. 17.

The recent Israeli request for American arms and the visit of Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett to the United States to lead a fund-raising campaign for the purchase of arms for Israel was the subject of an hour-long talk here today between the Syrian Ambassador to the United States, Mr Farid Zeineddine, and Mr George Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle Eastern Affairs.

A similar discussion took place yesterday when Mr Allan met the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States, Mr Ahmed Hussein.

Following his talk with Mr Allen, Mr Zeineddine told reporters that the delivery of US arms to Israel and the possible conclusion of a security pact between the two countries would encourage an arms race and provoke a conflict.

If the Israeli request were accepted, Syria would not hesitate to procure arms on a commercial basis from the country which offered the best sales conditions, Mr Zeineddine said.

Sharett's Activities

The Syrian Ambassador said he also spoke with Mr Allen about the activities of the Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett in the United States.

Arguing that Americans who contributed to funds for Israel could deduct their contributions from their income tax, Mr Zeineddine said this meant in fact that Israel indirectly had its hand in the American Treasury.

He charged that International Zionism was seeking to use the United States as a base for its activities.—France-Press.

Brazilian Army Officers Freed

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 17. All Brazilian army officers who were arrested during the events of November 11 when Senor Nereu Ramos replaced Carlos Da Luz as acting President of Brazil have been freed by order of the Minister of War, General Texeira Lott, it was disclosed tonight.—France-Press.



Signor Togliatti

TOGLIATTI BUYS GUN AND BULLET

Rome, Nov. 17. The Secretary-General of the Italian Communist Party, Palmiro Togliatti, has bought the revolver and bullet used in an attempt on his life in 1948 and will keep them as souvenirs, the leftwing newspaper Paese-Sera, reported today.

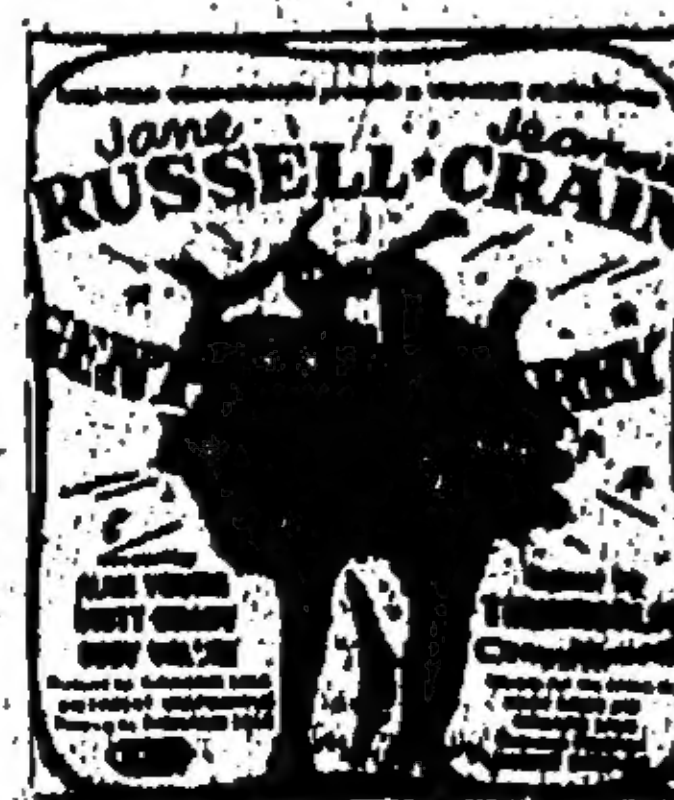
The paper said Togliatti bought the gun and bullet recently at an auction sale of articles used by convicted criminals.

Togliatti will hang the gun in his dining-room and carry the bullet on his watch chain for good luck, the paper said.—France-Press.

Warn With H-Bomb

New York, Nov. 17. The United States should explode a hydrogen bomb before the leaders of the nation of the world as a "declaration of American power," said Mr Thomas Murray, one of the five members of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, at a banquet here tonight.

Mr Murray, who was speaking at a dinner given by the Law Faculty of the Fordham University, proposed that the bomb should be exploded at Edgewater, N.J., in the South Pacific atomic experiments area during a "meeting at the atomic summit."—France-Press.

MAJESTIC**OPENS TO-DAY**
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30
& 9.30 P.M.**OUT OF RETIREMENT**

Lovely Japanese actress Mitsuko Kimura has just come out of retirement to star in Columbia Pictures' "The Gentle Sergeant." As can be seen here she is no aged actress but is actually only 25. Before leaving her career to marry and live in Tokyo, Mitsuko had made 19 films and become a well-known star in Japan. Now she has been tempted back to the screen just once more.—Reuter.

Neo-Destour Approve Tunisian Home-Rule

Sfax, Tunisia, Nov. 17.

The Tunisian Nationalist Neo-Destour Party today adopted by acclamation a resolution implicitly approving the French-Tunisian home-rule conventions.

The congress of the party was meeting in a plenary session at Sfax, and adopted the resolution presented by its political bureau at the request of the party chairman, Habib Bourguiba. The resolution approved the bureau's policy from July 31, 1954 to the present day.

New Argentine President Wins Approval

Buenos Aires, Nov. 17.

The Argentine Supreme Court today approved the appointment of General Pedro Aramburu as provisional president of Argentina, replacing General Eduardo Lonardi.

The court judgment declared that the designation of General Aramburu as provisional president on November 15 was made "without altering the objectives set initially by the triumphant revolution."

General Aramburu was given "national executive powers" in order to re-establish a government of law and to bring true democracy to the country, the new regime informed the court.

The Supreme Court declared today that this goal was in agreement with the oath taken by the members of the Supreme Court in which they were sworn to fulfil their task in conformity with the principles of law and the guarantees of the national constitution.—France-Press.

Quake Reported

Weston, Mass. Nov. 17.

A "moderate" earthquake, possibly on the Chilo-Bolivia border, was recorded at Weston observatory today.

A spokesman said the quake was recorded at 0704 GMT and was located 4,800 miles south of Boston.—United Press.

On July 31 last year, the then French Premier, Pierre Mendes-France, recognized Tunisia's right to internal autonomy in a speech made during a one-day visit to Tunisia.

The Tunisian conventions later were drafted in French-Tunisian negotiations and signed and ratified this year.

Bourguiba said the exclusion of former party secretary-general, Salah ben Youssef, from the Neo-Destour was justified by ben Youssef's opposition to the party's policy, which "had been accepted by the whole population."

Abdelmajid Mahmoud, Iraq's Economy Minister, who attended the session as his government's official observer, said the French-Tunisian conventions constituted a positive policy that should lead, with France's friendship, to total independence for Tunisia.—France-Press.

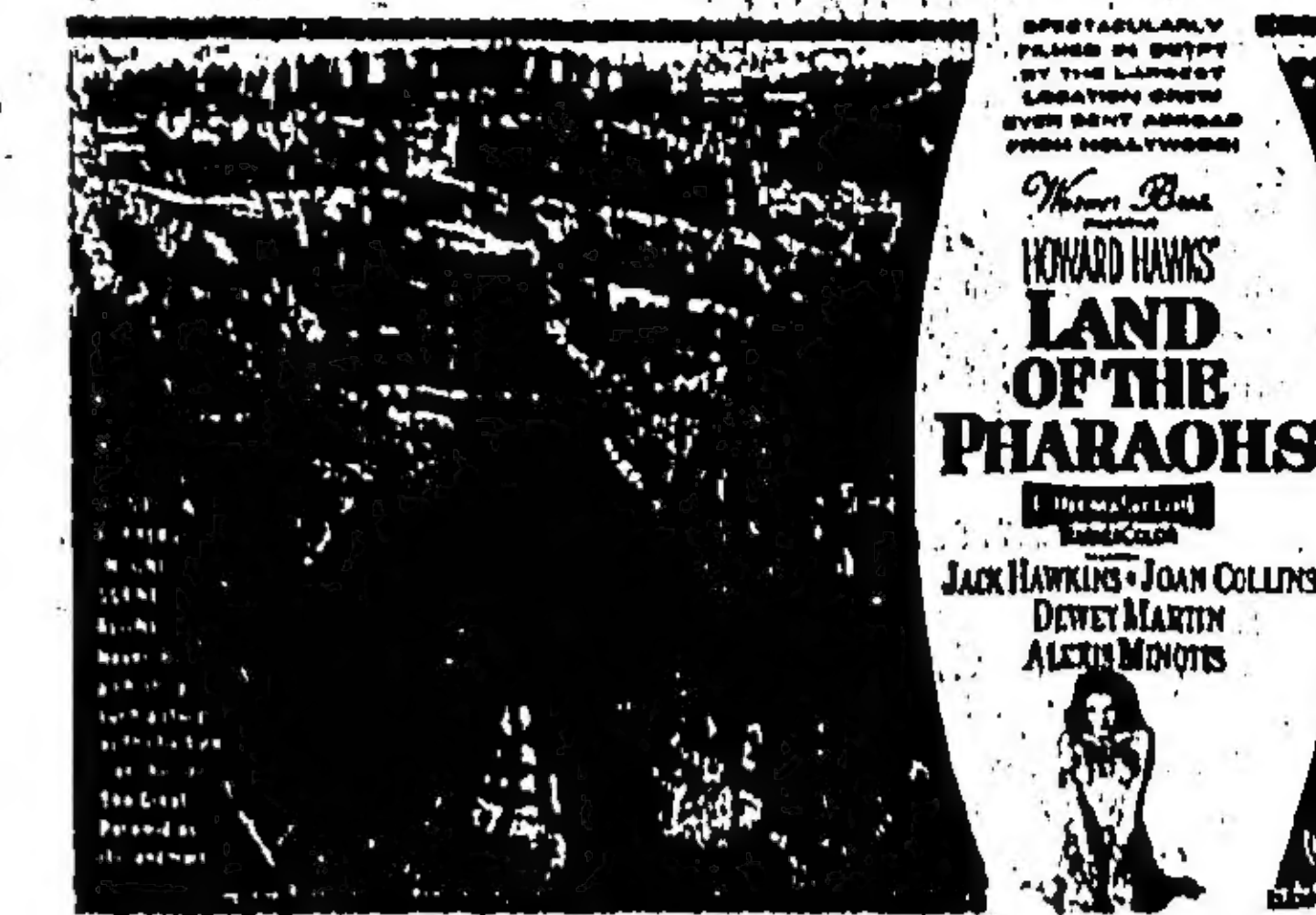
Faroe Vikings Want Their Harbour Master

Thorshavn, Nov. 17.

The "Viking" villagers of Klaksvik sent a delegation here today in seven motor vessels to demand the release of their harbour master, who sails to gaol in Denmark later today.

The harbour master, Mr Fischer Heinesen, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for leading disturbances in the little Faroe township of Klaksvik earlier this year over the withdrawal of a popular local doctor.

He is at present in Thorshavn gaol, and the authorities intend to send him to Denmark later today in the passenger liner Tjib to serve his sentence.—China Mail Special.

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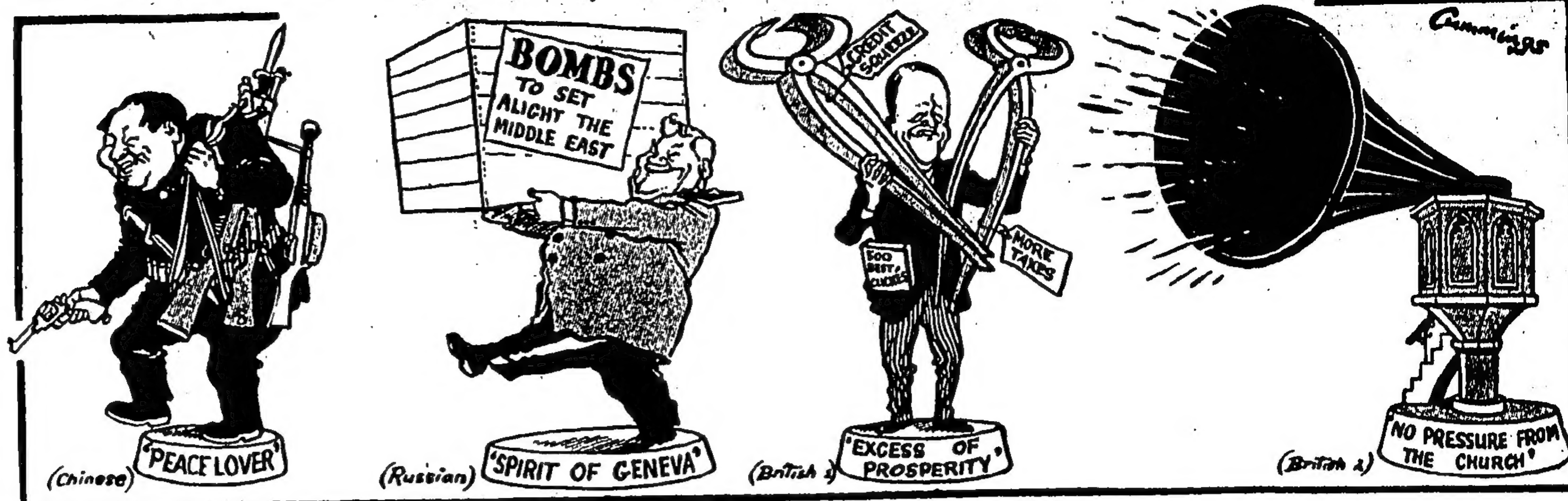
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CATASTROPHE IN THE WEST INDIES

by . . . RALPH HEWINS

I HAVE flown out here to report a catastrophe: the still unrealised catastrophe that Hurricane Janet has brought to the British West Indies.

I have come first on Barbados: it is one of the worst hit areas. I report:

Ruin—even before the plane landed.

As my Stratocruiser circled over the island, 30 hours from London, I saw hundreds of gaping roofs scattered over the hilly, green, English-looking countryside 14 by 21 miles across and as large as the Isle of Wight.

On Seawall Airfield at the hard-hit southern end of the only Caribbean Colony which has always been British, I found two smashed hangars, one wrecked aircraft, and buildings being patched.

A FRACTION

AS we drove 12 miles up the coast into Bridgetown past the brilliant blue water and golden sands it was ruin all the way. Thousands of huge flattened trees had crumbled a cinema, three mission halls, and streets of tottering wooden cottages.

Even luxurious stone villas were blitzed.

Everywhere white and coloured Barbadians were carrying saws, hammers, or planks. Lorryloads of building material and bulldozers jammed the narrow streets. I found solid window shutters had been blown from the ballroom of a swaggar £4 a day hotel which suffered floods six feet deep. Obviously, all this that I saw was a major catastrophe. But

so far I had only seen a fraction.

Tropically clad Barbadians Tom Lashley and Kenneth Huntie, directors of Housing and Hurricane Relief, added up a juggernaut bill left by Janet's four-hour visit:

- One-seventh of the topsoil of Barbados was washed away and one-tenth of the sugar crop, on which the island almost entirely depends, was ruined.

- Twenty-five thousand houses were permanently wrecked or badly damaged and half the population of 230,000 were homeless on the first night.

- All 10 main roads were blocked by thousands of huge trees, 40 of which fell in Government House garden alone.

- Telephones were out of action for a week and electric light and radio for 10 days.

- All the 124 schools were either wrecked or converted into shelters for the stricken population and education for 32,000 boys and girls was stopped.

- Two pumping stations were put out of action so that water had to be eked out to the thirst-crazed population in drops.

- Thousands of small shops were wrecked and food supplies broke down, despite merchants' generosity.

- Sixty of Barbados's 100 fishing vessels foundered, also several schooners on which the island's coastal traffic depends.

SETBACK

THIRTY-FIVE people were killed and 160 seriously injured. There were 17 casualties in one stone church.

The bill £1,500,000, to a Colony with only £3,000,000 revenue, means a lasting setback.

Civil Secretary Noel Turner, who was Acting Governor when 120-mile-an-hour Janet struck, explained during a drive through the stricken third of Barbados: "We must now post-

pone Government building, including new administrative offices. The modernisation of Bridgetown must be halted. Land drainage must stop.

"A campaign against tuberculosis and other diseases had to be abandoned.

"A staggering housing problem has arisen."

Barbados has not had a hurricane for 57 years and only seven in her history, so that the £100,000 reserve fund has been exhausted. So is the £50,000 grant from Britain and about £25,000 from Trinidad and Jamaica, beside £20,000 subscriptions.

Not that Barbados is squealing. Although this is the "hard time" between June and February when work on sugar plantations stops and torrential rain pours through the shacks which pass for dwellings, most faces look happier than London rush hour crowds.

SO HOPEFUL

PEOPLE are lodging the homeless with that wonderful charity of the poor to the poor which keeps this crowded island going.

[The population is 1,400 to the square mile, which is hardly beaten by Belgium, Malta, or China.]

Some nature notes pinpoint Janet's force. Strange birds have been swept to the island and stranded. They include a yellow cuckoo which builds its own nest and disturbs my sleep more than the teeming, whistling frogs.

White Barbadian stories have taken refuge in Bermuda—1,300 miles away.

All foliage has been wizened brown by Janet. Pink oleanders, white, yellow, and red hibiscus and multi-coloured bougainvillea creepers are only just starting to flower again despite five weeks of tropical rain and sunshine.

But Barbados is full of hope. Nine-tenths of the flattened cane is growing well.

The ration-card system ended this week.

Schools are reopening; prefabs, 500 of them, costing £100,000—are rising two a day.

"It might have been much worse. You should look at Granada, an island 30 miles away over the horizon. That took a real crack," everybody says.

Grenada, they say, has been ruined for 10 years.

I am going there now.



LENA'S HUSBAND IS THE 'SVENGALI'

By John Gay

DELECTABLE Lena Horne, justifiably hailed as one of the world's most beautiful women, let me into the secret of being able to walk in the kind of tight gown that would send almost any other woman flat on her face. Her gowns are "architecturally built." They are so cleverly cut that they look as if she must fall over any moment—"but the eye," said Lena, "is deceived."

The fabulous Lena earns £4,000 a week in cabaret and last year only bothered to work 16 weeks. She is the singer who deliberately refused to make a record for five years while the discs were turning unknowns into stars overnight.

Lena is the singer with a musical genius behind her—her husband, 44-year-old Lennie Hayton, who, until two years ago, was musical boss at MGM in Hollywood.

There is a unique husband-and-wife partnership. In those two years Lena Horne has flowered from a fine artist into a great singer with poise, passion and strength. She is now making records—and the connoisseurs are raving. She frankly admits her debt to her husband.

"I know how much I owe Lennie. He knows everything there is to know about my voice."

"When he's playing the piano or conducting the orchestra, there's an instinct between us. I'm all emotion and he guides that emotion in the right direction."

THE BOND

"We've never argued professionally yet. I feel sorer of myself, more confident, than I've ever been in my life. We were married in 1947, but we joined up professionally only two years ago. It was just that I needed a partner and my husband is a wonderful partner. He is great with a singer. He has that sympathy that so many star pianists haven't."

But Lennie Hayton is more than an accompanist. He is almost a Svengali, complete with beard and wild hair. During Lena's cabaret turn you sense the telepathic bond between husband and wife.

Lennie Hayton gave up his MGM job because he was tired of his contract. Dedicating himself to one singer, who conveniently happened to be his wife, he brought a new technique to popular songs. He

planned every song almost as a concerto for voice and instruments, transforming them so they matched to perfection his wife's honey and molasses voice.

"Everything depends," he says, "on how Lena feels about a song. When she chooses what she wants to sing I interpret the best style of putting it over for her voice. It has been most satisfying."

THE REFUSAL

Up to 1950 Lena Horne recorded for MGM. Then she refused to make any more records because they wanted her to sing the popular songs of the moment.

This year she signed with a new record company which is willing to let her sing the Lena Horne way, just the way she sings in her cabaret act. Her first record was of "Love Me Or Leave Me," almost entirely with "double-bass" accompaniment.

The bobby-soxers aren't raving to buy the record, but the experts are calling it a masterpiece, a disc that will still be played 20, 30 years from now. Said Lena: "It was made that way quite accidentally. I was singing the song one day in rehearsal and George Duvivier, my bass player, joined in."

"We liked the result so much that we decided we had something. I shall make more records with a double-bass, but not too many. One thing Lennie has insisted on is that I work only with the finest."

Though she is a perfectionist, a woman who has made popular singing an art with a capital A, she still admires "one singer above all others. The name's Frank Sinatra."

Said Lena: "Back home he's a legend. There's nothing bigger in the States"—and she was including the Empire State Building. Lena's modesty wouldn't allow her to admit that she's quite a legend herself.

"Corn Flakes taste so much better with brown sugar on, Mummy!"

It makes all the difference

TAIKOO SOFT BROWN SUGAR

HIS JOB IS TO SILENCE

From SYDNEY SMITH

ANDRE DUBOIS, new French High Commissioner in Morocco, is famous in France as the man who stopped 400,000 Paris drivers from hooting.

Paris police chief, 52-year-old bachelor and career civil servant, grey-eyed "M. Silence" succeeds tough veteran North African campaigner General Boyer de Latour in charge of North Africa's toughest job.

But Parisians are wondering now if it is really a much tougher task than Dubois set himself when he took charge of Paris's 20,000 police sixteen months ago.

He decided to clean up the Paris traffic and end the raucous cacophony from impatient and angry drivers which made Paris the noisiest city in the world.

He did it in one month—and earned his nickname.

Parisians were themselves amazed. The 400,000 drivers just stopped hooting, and if somebody sounds the horn in a Paris street today people stop and stare.

The noise was not the only thing "M. Silence" attacked. Bland and balding, he challenged some other old customs.

He found a bus took 55 minutes to travel less than seven miles across the city.

So he revised the one way street system, put up more than 2,000 new no-parking signs, ordered pedestrians who crossed against traffic to be fined on the spot, demanded cash payment of fines for parking offences.

He did not leave it at that.

He created "the Magpies"—little four-hp black and white radio police cars, dashing from one traffic block to another, sorting things out.

He formed a squad of recovery vehicles to tow away cars parked in banned areas in the centre of the city.

Toughest of all, he limited parking to one hour on the Avenue des Champs Elysees. (Hundreds of cars are still being given "tickets" every day there.) And he established special times and zones to limit the hours at which heavy delivery vans could work and halt in the crowded streets.

At the same time he waged war against crime, particularly among the 180,000 disaffected and mostly unemployed North Africans who exist in the capital.

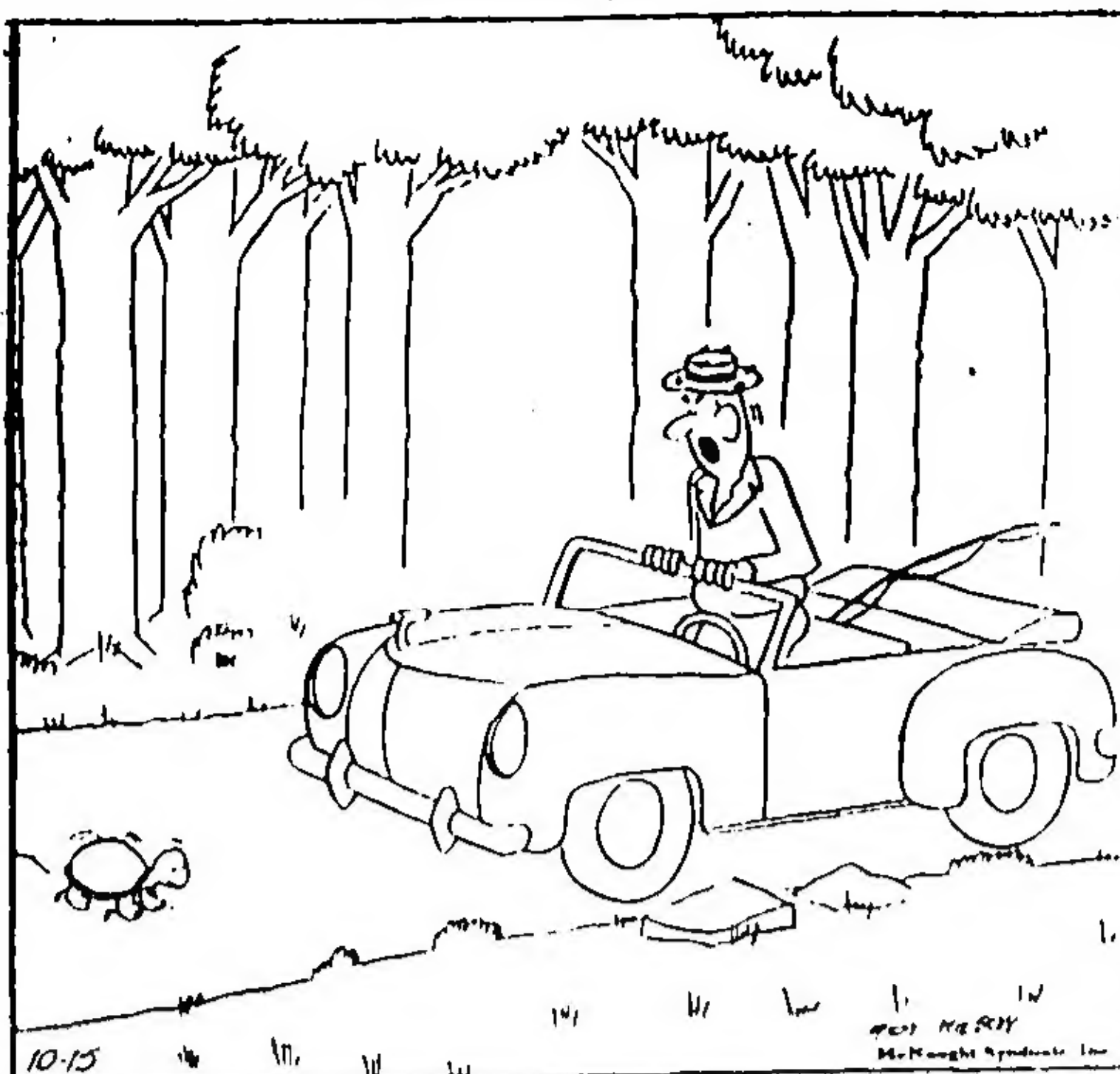
Visitors to his green-furnished office at police headquarters would sometimes hear again, on his recording machine, the shrill, discordant noise of Paris on that last day before the big silence.

M. Dubois will not need to take that tape with him to Morocco.

The noise he will now concentrate on will be the conflicting voices of French colonists and rabid Arab nationalists.

That is the next silencing job for the urban "M. Silence."

This Funny World



"Shake it up, shake it up!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

BORN today you have more than a touch of genius and you are likely to be long-lived. You are fond of travel and probably will enjoy a large part of the globe during your lifetime. You have an affectionate and outgoing personality and will make friends wherever you go.

You are a born leader. You have charm and personality. Fortunately since you have the gift of making people do what you want them to do without their realizing it, you have high ideals and will lead them in the right direction. You may not conform to convention at all times, but what you originate can easily become a convention at some later time and to the oncoming generation.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—If someone is trying to impose upon you, be as tactful as possible but refuse if you feel you must.

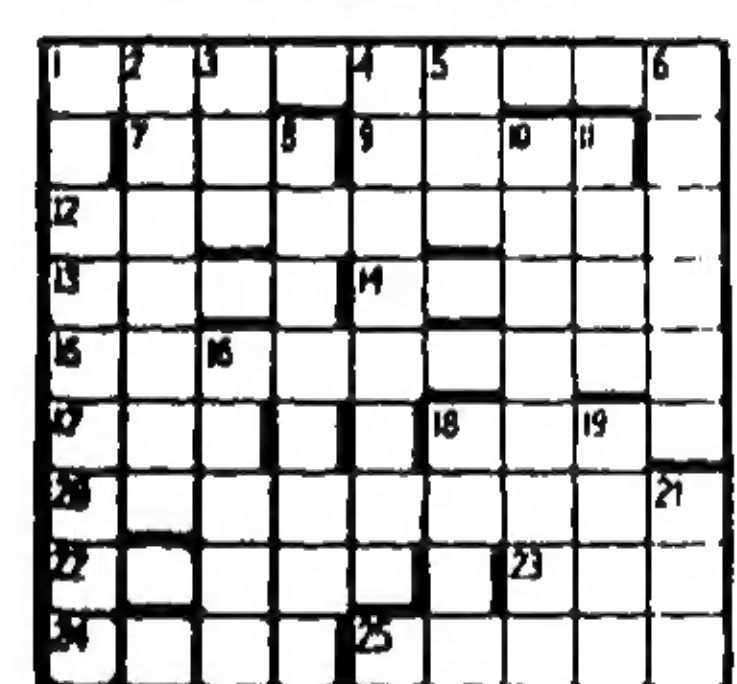
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)—You could receive bad news from a friend who has postponed coming to see you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—You may need to adapt yourself to changing conditions with tact and show a cooperative spirit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Catch up on your letter-writing this evening if you have been lax. Let friends hear from you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—You may need to catch on in some way.

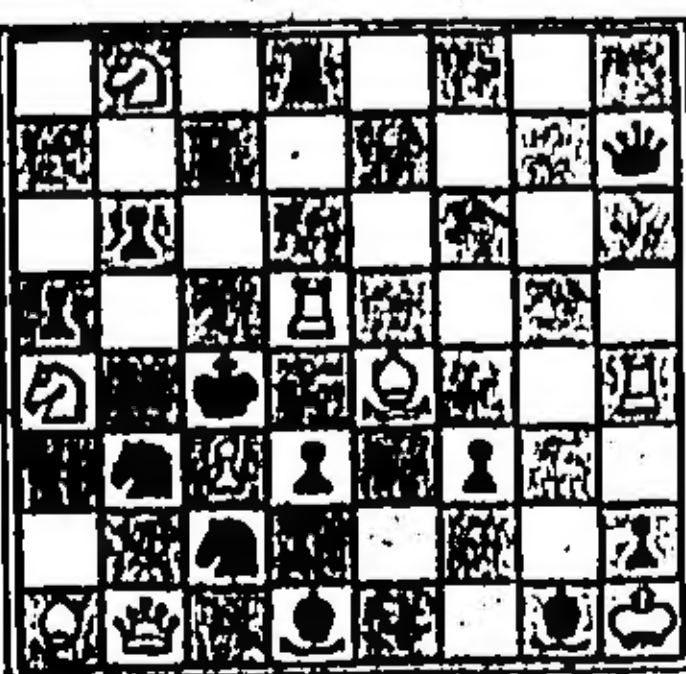
CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Third for highbrows. (9)
 2. One of the letters. (3)
 3. Coy bridge. (4)
 4. Close or ready—may need this. (9)
 5. Take the rate away from. (4)
 6. It sparkles on a head. (8)
 7. The covering is shiny. (9)
 8. The radar girl. (3)
 9. Printer! Leave this alone! (4)
 10. Evil poet (anagram). (9)
 11. They go with clearers. (9)
 12. All at this means puzzled. (3)
 13. So sorry! (4)
 14. Exhausted. (8)

- Down
1. They're written in an odd moment. (4)
 2. Dear rat (anagram). (7)
 3. Put this in, busybody! (3)
 4. Any creature and I'll round the runs. (3-6)
 5. Our makes of a circle. (3)
 6. Wandering. (8)
 7. Pay, or so (anagram). (8)
 8. Chance is to give a boat. (8)
 9. Do not be the star of the play. (4)
 10. A peep-down. (4)
 11. Return the debt. (4)
 12. Not at all odd. (4)
 13. Pick at hair. (4)
 14. 6 Down. (8)

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN
-Black, 12 pieces.

White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-K4, any; 2. Q. or Kt-mate.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Silent Lips For Bad Cards

By OSWALD JACOBY

GOODNESS knows why North opened the bidding today with so poor a hand. His spade suit was rather weak and the hand as a whole was on the borderline between a pass and the strength needed for an opening bid. In this situation a player may bid if he has a good suit, but he should pass if he has only a broken suit.

South managed to stop short at two no-trump, but he was already too high. The opponents defended very ably, and South didn't find the best line of play. The result was rather disappointing to North and South.

West opened the king of hearts and was glad to continue the suit, since he saw the dummy. Dummy discarded low spades on the third and fourth

NORTH (D)		15
♠	A 10 8 5 4	
♥	Q 10	
♦	A 4	
♣	Q 9 8 3	
WEST		
♠	K J 9 2	
♥	A K J 5	
♦	K J 5	
♣	J 6	
EAST		
♠	7 3	
♥	6 5 3 2	
♦	8 7 3	
♣	10 5 4 2	
SOUTH		
♠	Q 8	
♥	7 5 3	
♦	Q 10 9 8 2	
♣	A K 7	
North-South vul.		
North	East	South
1♠	Pass	2♠
2♠	Pass	2NT
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥K		

rounds of hearts, and South discarded a diamond on the fourth heart.

East won the fourth heart with his six, somewhat to his surprise. He hadn't expected to win a trick with his hand! It was clear that South had nothing much in spades, so East shifted to a spade.

South played a low spade, and West had to play the jack to force out dummy's ace. Dummy returned a low spade, and South's queen forced out the king. West led his lowest spade, dummy's ten, thus establishing his own nine.

Declarer now tried three rounds of clubs, discovering that the suit wouldn't break. East had, of course, carefully kept all his clubs on the sound theory that the ten of clubs was all he had and that he ought to guard it while he could.

There was nothing left. South had to give up a diamond and the last spade to West, thus going down two tricks.

CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Heart 2 Clubs ?

What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. You have only one stopper in clubs, but the strong diamond suit should come in very quickly to make the game easy.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠ Q 7 5 ♠ Q 4 ♠ A Q J 3 ♠ K 9 2

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BY THE WAY... by Beachcomber

THE decision of the British Council to invite to Britain a group of Indonesian writers to study London traffic would probably be sneered at in certain quarters. Just as there were cheap jokes when UNESCO proposed a simplified alphabet and a basic vocabulary of 150 words for the inhabitants of Madagascar.

As one who witnessed a performance of Corneille's "Rodogune" (in English) in Bucharest, I can only deplore a lowbrow attitude which seeks to depreciate all that enriches life.

Let us work this out together

DIANELO said to Massimo: "Nothing is there unless you think it is," which goes for what Epictetus called an imaginary toothache. "Nothing is there if you think it is," corrected the psychiatrist, singing to the patients:

The mice in shorts and tartan caps run up and down your wall. Yet none of these peculiar chaps is really there at all.

This meditation was suggested to me by the account of a man who told the psychiatrist that he was being followed by a headless grocer.

Smart Weatherproof Fashions



Who cares if it rains, so long as you've got smart rainwear? And there were some ultra-smart weatherproof fashions on display in London recently. The show was held in the ritzy Savoy Hotel, and some of the items are pictured above.

Left: "Witchcraft"—with a cape collar and tuxedo front.

Center: "Sophisticate" has a cape collar, a half-belt and side pleats.

Right: "Hongkong" in woven Lurex fabric and featuring low pleats at the back, with a matching pagoda hat.—Express.

TRAINING A CHILD FOR HAPPY ADULTHOOD

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

NEAR the end of a university course I taught for a number of years, to parents of small children, a mother in the class said: "It seems to me that all we have emphasised has to do with educating our babies now, for happy marriage by and by." She was right.

From the studies that have been made, it seems evident that the happiness of married couples will depend a good deal on those

facts. Did husband and wife enjoy a happy life in the homes of their childhood? How companionable were their respective parents? How well did each receive in infancy and childhood the youth learn self-control, self-reliance, responsibility, regard for the rights of others?

If you and your husband wish to do all you can to prepare your small baby for happy marriage and family life, try to give him the best possible home life now, while he is growing up. Try to live the good life yourselves.

You and your husband should strive to give him the best possible upbringing, planning together, and, from time to time,

revising and improving your plans for his best physical, mental, social and moral health. Try to provide a happy family atmosphere for him, one in which he feels he is understood, wanted and loved.

Teach him self-control. Without it this child can hardly become a good male and parent, by and by. Help him to cultivate unselfishness, a deep regard for the rights and feelings of others. No very selfish person can make a good husband or wife, father or mother.

With happy relationships in the family, the child learns the facts of life from having his questions answered when they arise. If he is well-disciplined, he has due regard for the preciousness of every other person, and is self-controlled he is able to profit from these facts.

Keep an open house for his playmates. Make it the kind of home that attracts both boys and girls because of the good times they have there. He'll grow up enjoying the friendship of girls—as well as boys—long before he begins to centre his attention on a particular one.

You won't have to advise him about the kind of person he should marry, for over the years, you will be helping him, more than you realize, to choose a mate wisely.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When you are ironing a garment with buttons, place the dampened button side down over a terry cloth towel. The buttons will sink into the towel while the iron slips smoothly over the fabric without catching on or loosening the buttons.

Press a bar of soap into the broken ends of a light bulb and turn to remove it from the socket. First make sure the current has been turned off.

Paint spots should be scraped off a fabric and then it should

be washed in hot warm suds. If the paint stain has dried, soften it with oil or lard, then sponge with turpentine or banana oil before washing.

Crystal for table use should be washed in warm—not hot—soap and water to which a little bluing has been added.

Gloves should be washed inside as well as outside because soil and perspiration from the hands collect inside gloves.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pickled-Pepper Picker

—Peter Was Lost, But He Knew Where the Peppers Were—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, had almost fallen asleep when they heard their friend, Mr. Punch, saying in a loud voice: "Come in! Come in!"

Sure enough, someone seemed to be knocking on a wall. But when Knarf and Hanid opened their eyes and sat up and looked around, they saw that the door to the room was standing wide open. But they continued to hear someone knocking.

From the Bookcase

"It's coming from the bookcase!" Mr. Punch said, and Knarf and Hanid ran over to him. "Come in! Come in, wherever you are!"

A curious thing happened at that moment. The Mother

Goose Book that stood on the top shelf of the bookcase all at once opened up like a sort of double door. Out stepped a small, rosy-cheeked boy carrying a big basket in his arms. He was wearing overalls.

The boy looked around as though he didn't know where he was. His face broke into a smile, however, when he saw Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Punch. Then he came running right into the room. The basket seemed very heavy. But it was hard to see what it was filled with.

"I beg your pardon," he said in a very polite voice. "Is this the way to market? I think I've lost my way."

Mr. Punch went over and put his arm around the boy's shoulder. "I'm afraid you're going the wrong way. The market you are looking for is in The Mother Goose Book."

"Oh!" said the boy.

"There's nothing to be afraid of," Hanid said. "We'll take you back."

All this while, Knarf had been trying his best to see what was in the basket. But he couldn't see because the top of the basket was covered with a cloth. Then the boy noticed that Knarf was looking and he smiled and said: "I don't mind telling you what's in my basket. It's a peck of pickled peppers. I just picked them."

A Poem

Hanid exclaimed. "You must be Peter Piper!"

"Why, how did you know?" said the boy in great surprise.

"There's a poem about you," said Hanid.

Peter Piper set down the basket as he listened to Hanid reciting:

"Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper;

A peck of peppered pickle—"

Knarf and Mr. Punch both interrupted Hanid by shouting: "That's wrong!"

"It is?" said Hanid.

"This is how it goes," said Knarf. He began:

"Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper;

A pick of peppered pickle—"

They Were Mixed Up

"Wrong, wrong, wrong!" cried Hanid and Mr. Punch. "Here, let me," said Mr. Punch. "I'll show you how it goes."

"Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled pepper;

A pip of peppered pickers—"

By this time, Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Punch, too, were

Substantial Puddings Are Favourite Desserts

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

THE dinner menu of a rather elegant Fifth Avenue restaurant featured chocolate nut pudding for dessert.

"Have many of your guests ordered it?" I asked the hostess.

"It is very popular. In fact, we always feature a pudding of some kind. Many of our patrons, especially men, say they rarely get them at home."

"Men like substantial desserts," chimed in the Chef. "They give a feeling of luxury and well-being to the finale of a dinner. But what desserts do your patrons like best, Maderhoiselle?" he asked.

"Golden apple pudding with lemon and hard sauce, Monsieur. Rice pudding made with eggs, so it is firm. Old-fashioned apple betty, steamed date or cherry pudding, warm bread butter-raisin pudding, Indian pudding, cottage pudding with nut fudge sauce and whipped cream—all are favourites."

Plenty of Sauce

"And they like plenty of sauce," she continued. "We often serve two sauces: a liquid sauce such as lemon, with a rosette

of lemon or orange hard sauce. Some of these puddings we serve in a mode, with a topping of a suitable ice cream.

"For instance, vanilla ice cream on chocolate nut pudding, lemon ice cream on apple betty, or butter pecan on Indian pudding."

"Often, men or women on a reducing diet will order merely a pudding and coffee at lunch."

"On first thought this seems fantastic," I commented. "But it really isn't. The calorie count would be only about 300. And the eater would lose that feeling of frustration and self pity that causes many a reducing diet to fail."

Dinner

Tomato-Cucumber Salad
Broiled Haddock Fillets Maitre D'
French Fried Potatoes
Spinach Vinaigrette
Chocolate Nut Pudding
Ice Cream Sauce
Coffee Tea Milk

All Measurements Are Level
Recipe Serves 4 to 6

Chocolate Nut Pudding Viennese: Melt 3 sq. unwaxed chocolate in a double boiler.

Meanwhile, sift together 2 c. already sifted enriched flour, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. instant coffee and 1/2 tsp. salt. Add 1/2 c. chopped walnut or pecan nuts.

To the melted chocolate, stir in 1/2 c. sugar and 1/2 c. milk. Cook 5 min. or until slightly thickened. Cool.

In a bowl, cream 1/2 c. butter or margarine until fluffy; cream in 1 c. sugar. Beat and add 2 eggs. Beat until smooth. Stir in the chocolate mixture. Add the flour mixture alternately with 1 c. milk and 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract.

Transfer to an oiled floured 9 1/2" tube cake pan. Bake 1 hr. and 10 min. in a moderate oven, 350° F.

Serve warm or at room temperature with ice cream sauce.

Ice Cream Sauce: This delicious sauce does not contain ice cream, but tastes as though it did!

Whip 1/2 pt. heavy cream until stiff. Beat 1 egg light. Beat in 1/2 c. confectioner's powdered sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. pure vanilla or rum extract and 1/4 c. melted, unsalted butter.

Fold into the whipped cream. Serve as is, or half-frozen if the pudding is cold.

Trick of the Chef

To 3 c. drained chopped cooked spinach, add 1 recipe vinaigrette sauce and 1 small-diced pimiento. Heat and serve. Or chill at least 30 min. and serve in lettuce cups.

Winter Coat



Pierre Clarence presents "Mallarme," a loose double-breasted pinstriped coat in green, dark red and violet. Note the unusual tabs on the pockets. — Agence France-Press.

New Hat From Fath



This beaver-coloured jersey hat with black grosgrain band and 'pompons' is by Jacques Fath Salon—Agence France-Press.

KEEPING IN TRIM FOR PAKISTAN TOUR



Under the watchful eye of Alf Gover, Alan Moss of Middlesex (left), Ken Barrington (centre) and Roy Sweetman (both of Surrey) loosen up at Gover's indoor school, prior to their departure early next month for the winter tour of Pakistan, under the captaincy of D. B. Carr of Derbyshire. — Central Express Photo.

Off-Course Betting In New Zealand Is Becoming Stabilised

Wellington, New Zealand.

After five years of operation of off-course betting, the New Zealand Totalisator Agency Board reports that its activities are becoming stabilised.

Investments with the Board through its agencies increased by 7.26 per cent during the past year and may continue to increase to a small extent, but increasing costs have negated the past year's gain.

New South Wales Tennis

Rosewall To Meet Lew Hoad In Singles Final

Sydney, Nov. 17. Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, the young stars who recently made Australian tennis officials and fans happy by refusing professional offers from Jack Kramer, today reached the Men's Singles Finals in the New South Wales Championships.

Hoad displayed the best form he has shown in the tournament, to defeat Ashley Cooper 3-6, 9-7, 6-4, 6-4. But Rosewall dismantled the 5,000 fans and tournament officials with ever probably the worst tennis he has ever played at the White City Stadium before defeating Neale Fraser in the other semi-final. The scores were 9-11, 7-5, 6-4, 6-8, 6-1.

Rosewall, the defending champion, and Hoad will play on Saturday for the title. — United Press.

Famous Tennis Player-Coach On Vagrancy Charge

Santa Cruz, Calif., Nov. 17. Frank Kovacs, internationally famous player and coach, today requested a jury trial of a vagrancy charge involving an eight-year-old girl.

His plea was granted by Municipal Judge James Scoppione, who then adjourned the trial until December 20. Kovacs pleaded not guilty when arraigned yesterday. He was represented today by Tom Brown, well-known amateur tennis star from San Francisco and a former Davis Cup team member.

Kovacs said out of Court that he had received many calls and letters since his arrest, from parents of children he had taught, "all wishing me well." — United Press.

PARIS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

British Girl Is Top Seed For Singles

Paris, Nov. 17. Miss Jennifer Peters, of Britain, is top seed for the Women's Singles in the Paris International Badminton Championships here on Saturday and Sunday.

Another British girl, Miss Anne Durrant, is seeded fourth behind two French players.

Peter Brashay is top British seed in the Men's Singles. He is ranked third behind Ghislain Vasseur and Paul Allouard of France. — China Mail Special.

VLADIMIR KUTS RETAINS 10,000M TITLE AT TBILISI

Moscow, Nov. 17. Vladimir Kuts, ace Russian distance runner, retained his 10,000 metres title at the Soviet Athletic Championship today at Tbilisi, Georgia.

Kuts ran the distance in 29 minutes 40 seconds—well outside his Soviet record of 28 mins 59.2 seconds.

The World record is held by Czech Olympic Champion Emil Zatopek with 28 mins 54.2 seconds.

Galina Vinogradova almost beat the women's Long Jump World record by clearing 6.28 metres (20 feet 7 1/2 inches) but then fell back inside the record mark and spoiled the jump.

Miss Vinogradova equalled the World record held by New Zealand's Yvette Williams in September. — Reuter.

Wah Yan Sports

Wah Yan College Kowloon will be holding their annual athletic sports at the Army ground Boundary Street on Thursday November 24 commencing at 1 p.m. Mrs J. Tan will present the prizes. One of the events on the programme will be open to old boys.

above, this being due to refunds of bets placed on horses scratched after the agency accepted the bet.

The Board, while it does not anticipate any great increase in investments in the future, expects further increases in costs.

As all profits are distributed to racing and trotting clubs throughout the country, the Board does not pay income tax. It pays totalisator and divided tax on its net investments. These payments amounted to £1,843,374 last year.

IN PROPORTION

Its profits are distributed in two amounts. The 124 clubs receive 15 per cent shares and the remaining 85 per cent is divided in proportion to the amount of totalisator investments received by individual clubs during the year.

Under this system, the Auckland Racing Club receives the biggest share—£64,448.8.9—of last year's profits. The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club (Christchurch) heads the list for trotting clubs with £20,386.18.0.

Even the smallest country clubs receive £1,000 or more.

These payments are to be spent by the clubs in providing amenities for on-course patrons.

The success of the system in New Zealand has been reflected in an ever-increasing interest from overseas, particularly Australia, and the Board's report states that inquiries have been received during the year from several overseas countries.

The Board now has 30 branches and 242 agencies, employs a full-time staff of 236 and provides part-time employment for approximately 1,000 casual employees.

The system under which the Board works makes it necessary to close off-course betting 45 minutes before the start of a race. This may be improved by future mechanisation. — China Mail Special.

Co-Managers' Boxing Licences Revoked

Scranton, Pennsylvania, Nov. 17. The Pennsylvania Athletic Commission today revoked the licences of Anthony Ferrante and Carmen Graziano, co-managers of the Lightweight Champion, Wallace (Bud) Smith, and the Middleweight contender, Joey Giardello.

The Commission said it would ask other States which, like Pennsylvania, have working agreements with the National Boxing Association, to go along with its action. The Commission's action was announced by its Chairman, Mr. James Crowley, in a telephone call from New York City.

Ferrante and Graziano were cited by the Commission last September 13 for conduct detrimental to boxing. They were charged with associating with gamblers, bookmakers and other persons of "ill repute." — United Press.

WEMBLEY WITHOUT MATTHEWS IS LIKE HAMLET WITHOUT THE PRINCE

Says ARCHIE QUICK

The Football Association Selection Committee have named 17 players to form a training squad in preparation for the International against Spain at Wembley on November 30 and they included two Third Division men, four from Division Two and two others who were in Division Two last season. Everyone's first comment, however, will be concerning the omission of the great Matthews.

One Selector has publicly declared that Matthews will never be chosen while Johnny Haynes is in the team, because their styles clash; and that Haynes at 21 represents the future and Matthews at 41 the glorious past.

Well and good, but if Matthews and Haynes clash what about the favoured right-wing of Finney and Haynes? The clash of styles is just as great. Rather would I say Matthews and Haynes is a clash of personalities and leave it at that.

Haynes has since admitted that in the youthful exuberance of his first international alongside Matthews there was a difference of opinion over strategy. Wembley without Matthews is always Hamlet without the Prince and his absence from the recent Irish Match made a big difference to "the game".

YOUNGSTERS
The return of Duncan Edwards is welcomed for I

can now reveal that at one stage a few weeks ago it was feared he might be suffering from polio. With Haynes, Edwards represents "England of the future." I would say the National side should be built round these two youngsters.

The Battle of Madrid last May will be remembered at this time return match on November 30. It is to be hoped that certain regrettable incidents will not be repeated. Matthews was subjected to a terrible mauling and so was Nat Lofthouse. Let us praise the Football Association however, for casting aside old shibboleths and getting the team together so far in advance.

It is the best possible move in the right direction and it should have happened long ago. Every other country follows this policy. There is just one additional improvement one would like to see incorporated. Why not let the chosen party work out at Wembley and so accustom themselves to its foibles? Wembley is so different from any other football ground and newcomers are apt to get lost on it. Let us remedy that possibility in advance.

Footballers come and footballers go, but it seems that the active senior life of goalkeepers is the most transitory. Take the cases of four of them rich in League experience, one a wartime choice for England, who were prominent League men a season or two ago, and who are now reinstated amateurs by the FA this summer and have taken their place in junior football.

George Marks was an automatic England selection during the War years until an injury let in Frank Swift. Marks was with Arsenal in their heyday, moved on to Blackburn Rovers, and later went to Bristol City and Reading. Now he is player-coach for the little Wiltshire club, Bulford United.

Then there is Ian McGraw. His first piece of bad luck was with Leicester City when they got to the Cup Final in 1949. He sustained a broken finger just before Wembley and had to miss the match against Wolves. He wound up his professional career with Corby Town, and is now with Leicester Belgrave YMCA.

Jack Ansell was a fine, up-standing "keeper" with Northampton Town. Villa and other First Division clubs were keen on him, but he broke a leg against Southampton United. Headington United became his next club instead, and he won Southern League and Cup medals with them. Now he has linked up with Blechley, the club he left for Northampton when he was employed in the local brickworks.

A NONENTITY

Finally, Danny Bolton. He was on top of the world in the 1950-51 season as a member of the Rotherham team which won the Championship of Division Three North and promotion to the Second Division. Now he has just joined up with a Sheffield junior organisation, East Dene.

One minute the autograph hunters are after you in droves; the next minute you are a nonentity.

Another great goalkeeper Frank Boulton stresses the fact. He won fame with Arsenal, returned to his native Swindon and is now keeping for Bedford. "A professional footballer's life is so short and so insecure," he said to me the other day "that there should be no maximum wage, and the minimum figure should be raised to at least £10 a week instead of the present £7.

All footballers should also be allowed to follow part-time employment so that they have a trade or business to fall back on when they finish on the field. And that, more often than not, means that the player has to face a new life at the early age of thirty or soon after."

POSSIBLES

What kind of team will this be? At the moment it is difficult to say. The inclusion—in the list of possibles that is—of the polished Brighton left-back Jim Langley, Duncan Edwards, a combination of strength and class, and in attack, the ball playing Tommy Taylor (Manchester United), does indicate a certain trend away from the bulky, and the bustling.

This is a good sign. With Johnny Haynes as the "general" of future England attacks, at least the selectors, are waking up to the facts.

That they have taken their time about it is to be regretted. But then very few divisions from the traditional in English soccer are accomplished swiftly.

One must be satisfied for the moment and applaud mildly the fact that things are moving in the right direction.

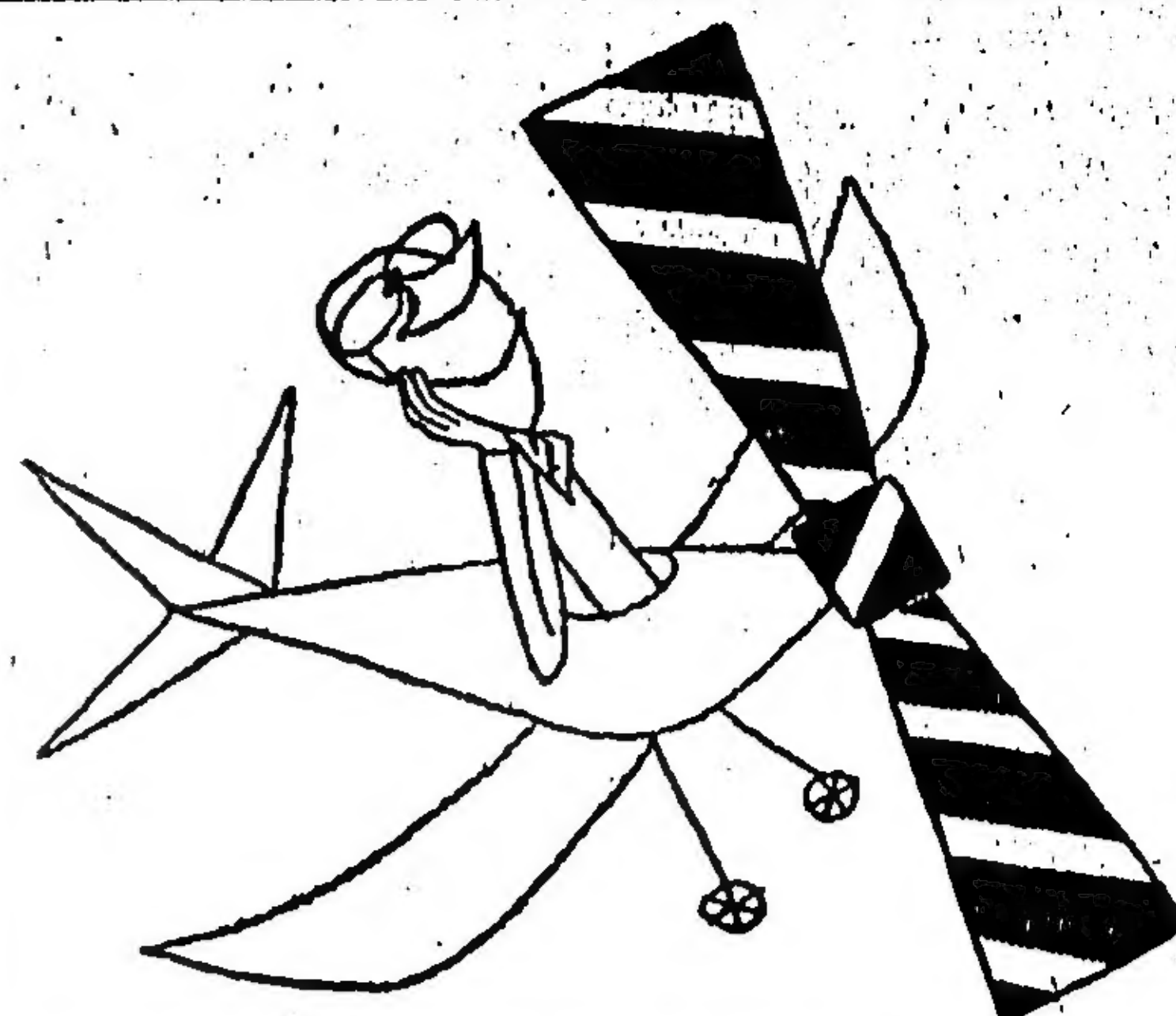
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Army Tennis Championships

Due to the rain, all Army Tennis Championships matches scheduled for yesterday at the United Services Recreation Club, were postponed until today.

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The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 11.45 a.m. on both days.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

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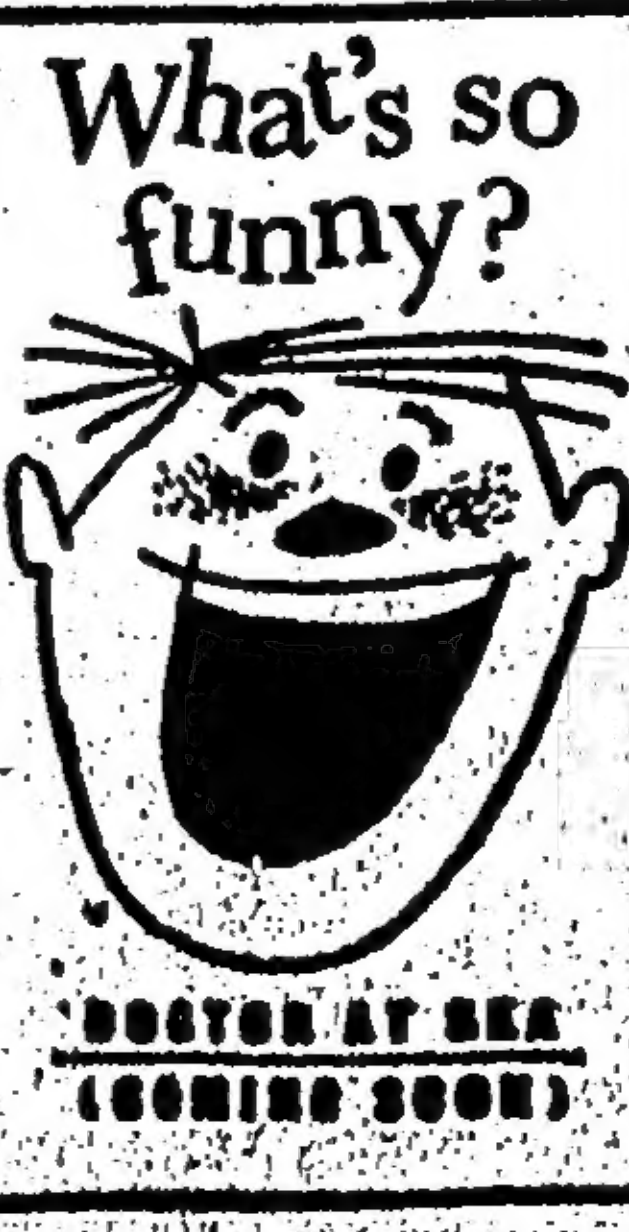
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Mass Emigration Of East German Intellectuals Worries Reds

Berlin, Nov. 17.

The East German Communist Government is prepared to take "the most drastic measures" against a mass emigration of East German intellectuals to the West.

Any member of the "intelligentsia" attempting to flee to West Germany must be "pilloried as an enemy of the people" says Herr Kurt Hager, secretary of the Communist party's central committee.

These fugitives, he explained, are "stabbing East German workers in the back" and serving the "exploiters of the people" in West Germany, who are trying to "disrupt our nationalised industries".

The sharp tone of Herr Hager's article, published in the chief party newspaper, Neues Deutschland, reflects the official concern over the present mass flight of intellectuals in general and of leading technicians and scientists, in particular.

About 40 out of the daily average of 800 East Germans who sought asylum in West Berlin in September were intellectuals. Most stated frankly that they were seeking a better living under happier external circumstances in West Germany.

Prominent Men

Prominent fugitives during the past few months have included: Herr Horst Kohnig, technical director of East Germany's largest steel mill, the J.V. Stalin works, Barmen-Ullrich; Herr Kurt Dietrich, a lecturer at the Academy of Architecture; and Herr Guenther Meisner, departmental chief at the East German Ministry of Transport.

Herr Hager claims that British and American secret services, as well as big West German industrial concerns, are trying to buy East German technicians, designers and scientists. "They promise them enticing pay, loans and a secure future, but in reality they only want to disrupt our production," he declared in his article.

Such recruiting methods are "the more immoral because they are aimed at doing direct harm to large sections of industrial workers," he added, with a broad hint at the disastrous consequences for the East German economy of the defection of intellectuals.

"The recruiting (by the West) of only one engineer, designer or technician directly affects the interests of the industrial and office workers. In addition, the Western secret services and West German combines seek more skilled technicians to fulfill the demands of their armaments boom."

Sole Antidote

The sole antidote which Herr Hager has to offer, however, are measures to protect the intellectuals remaining in East Germany against what he calls "the growing pains" of the East German state. Complaining that State officials in many cases fail to respect or recognise the work of the intellectuals, he declared: "State officials must learn to work less bureaucratically and must seek close co-operation with the intelligentsia. They must stop their indifference towards the woes and worries of the intellectuals, a defect mainly noted in the Ministries for heavy industries and machine construction."

Herr Hager admits that intellectuals have often been "annoyed and embittered" by faults in the state machine, such as confused planning, the lack of essential instruments, delays in development work and difficulties in travelling, defects mainly caused by "lack of experience among State officials, red-tape, and the fact that there are not enough funds or manpower reserves to fulfil all programmes at the same time."

Implied Threat

West Berlin politicians describe Herr Hager's appeal to the "patriotic and social conscience" of the scientists as the first serious warning with an implied threat of coercion.

The only effective means of preventing East German scientists and technicians from fleeing to the West would be tighter control of trains and cars going to West Germany and Berlin and intensified checks along the East-West Berlin sector boundaries.

Such a measure greatly hampers the realisation of the Communist unity propaganda under the slogan "Germans at one table," which, according to East German press reports, has already led to the participation of East German scientists in 45 West German congresses and meetings this year and the visit of many West German notables to East Germany.—China Mail Special.

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Police Move Armed Mob

Kampala, Nov. 17.
British-led local police used tear gas and batons today to disperse a mob of 600 which threatened to attack the home of a local chieftain in the town of Ngogwe.

The crowd, armed with sticks and stones, demanded the dismissal of the chief for "disloyalty" to King Futea II, who returned from exile in Britain recently.

Five persons were arrested by the police after the riot.—France-Press.

Always Warm In Umbrella Town

Stockholm, Nov. 17.

Swedes on the edge of the Arctic Circle can now shop, lunch and go to a cinema in a new umbrella town which is being officially inaugurated by Prince Bertil on November 20.

It can freeze outside, but it is always warm in umbrella town. Leaves fall and flowers wither, but in umbrella town it is spring all the year round.

The idea of building a haven against the northern Swedish cold was born in the heads of shopkeepers in Lulea, a Baltic iron ore port just below the Arctic Circle. It was put into practice by a British architect, Mr. Ralph Erskine.

These shopkeepers reasoned that, although Lulea's own population is only about 25,000, it serves another 130,000 persons living in the surrounding area. Many of them were shopping by mail order to the big Stockholm department stores. Money was going out of the district.

Cosy Shopping

Make shopping cosy and attractive, they reasoned, and customers would stream into Lulea. They, and the city, scraped up 25,000,000 crowns (about £1,650,000) and told Mr. Erskine to go ahead.

He designed 50 shops, some of them in 12-storey buildings, and then built a great aluminium dome over them. This artificial sky, with inset floodlights, keeps the cold out and the warmth in.

Warmth in this umbrella town, with its main street and interesting side streets, is provided by central heating. Trees grow in its main square and pots of flowering shrubs line the footways of its cafes.

The businessmen behind the scheme are giving shoppers a fair deal. Umbrella town might have become a monopoly town accommodating no two shops in the same trade. This could have led to higher prices and scared customers away.

Competition

Instead, the town houses shops competing with each other just as they do elsewhere. Also, almost anything can be bought in umbrella town.

A housewife on a shopping tour might begin by giving in a pair of shoes for repair. Then she might cross the main street

to the dry cleaners and arrange for them to collect her husband's suit. Nearby, she could ask a radio shop to come and repair the family's wireless set.

On one of the elevated streets, she could buy new curtains for her sitting room or, if newly married, purchase whole suites of furniture. To choose a present for her husband, she could go round the haberdasheries, tobacconists, tool shops, book sellers or hobby shops. When tired of shopping, she can go to umbrella town's hotel and lunch or dine in its restaurant. She could also book one of its 150 beds for a friend from the south.

She can go to a cinema, have a permanent wave or get beauty treatment under the same gleaming aluminium sky.

Bring Children

She may watch a mannequin parade while drinking coffee in the wintergarden, have a tooth filled at the dentist's or get a massage treatment from a masseuse.

If she brings her children with her, she can leave them in the kindergarten where a trained nurse will look after them. There is also a handy parking lot for 70 cars.

The shopkeepers in umbrella town share the expenses of heating and lighting it and maintaining its trees, flowers and grass borders. Their share of the cost varies with the size of the premises and some of these, too, are variable.

Expanding walls have been fitted to a number of shops— which means that they can grow to meet the Christmas rush and shrink back to normal when it is over.

For Pleasure

Umbrella town is built for pleasure as well as business. It has a cinema and a dance hall as well as its restaurant and hotel.

Mr. Erskine, who has been working in Sweden since World War II, has designed the town in the Swedish style. It has a strict functional line but bright contrasting colours which make it feel warm and alive against the harsh Nordic background of the world outside.

Some buildings have glass sides reinforced with slim steel girders. Others are half timbered, not in the medieval manner but with rows of overlapping planks.

The paving of the streets and pavements is done in contrasting stones and colours. Over it all, Mr. Erskine has put little light touches, for which he has become well-known in Sweden. One early shop, for example, has a staggered facade and a curving roof rising in tiers. This somewhat "futuristic" effect is lightened by an outside iron staircase running down the front of one of the shops.

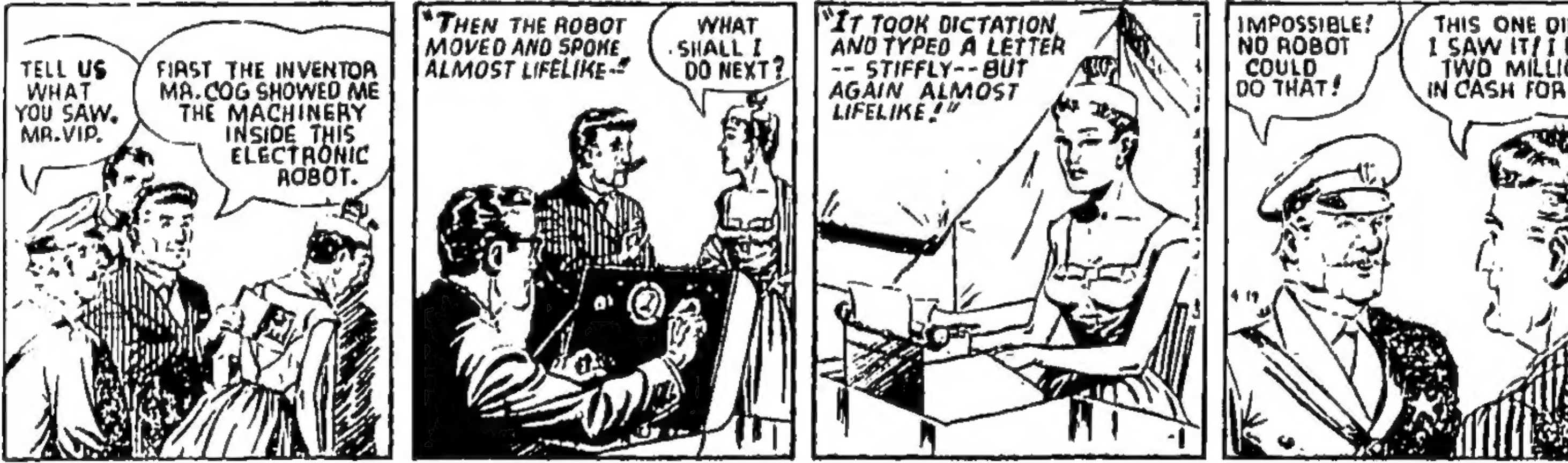
Official Name

Umbrella town, with its neon-lit facade, has been designed in such a way that it can be easily expanded with new shops under new roofing as business grows. Umbrella town's official name is "Lulea Shopping Centre Limited." The word "center" is spelt in the American way and not in the English way "centre" because the idea is originally American.

Sweden does not claim to have built the first umbrella town in history, but she does claim that the venture is unique in Europe.—China Mail Special.

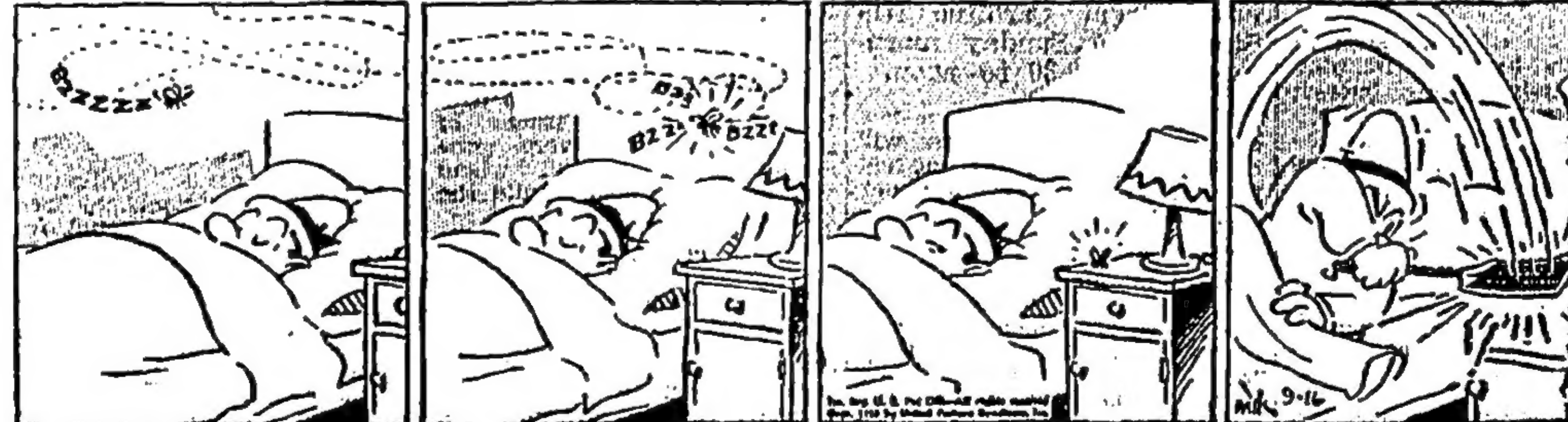
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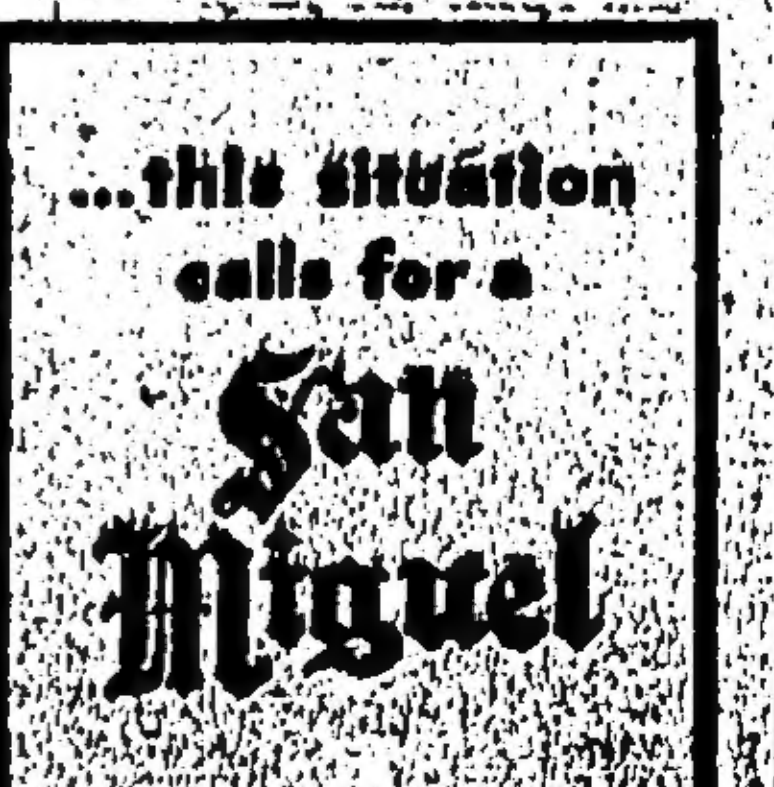
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Albert's Night Of Double Take

It was a little after midnight. A pockish, bald-headed little man named Albert was walking slowly round the quieter squares of Bloomsbury.

Albert was silently cursing his feet, which were playing him up, and wondering how he would ever get through the long night.

For he had no money and no prospect of coming by any until seven o'clock in the morning, when the big restaurants burst their day's quota of casual kitchen labour.

Albert wandered on, beginning to doubt the wisdom of leaving his native Cheshire for London as he had done a few days earlier.

PROOF
Suddenly a stranger stepped from the shadows and barred his path.

"I'm a police officer," said the stranger. "You answer to the description of a wanted man. Just come with me while I make a few inquiries, will you?"

A second plain-clothes policeman appeared, and Albert was led to a police box.

On the way, he was asked his name. He produced papers to prove who he was.

At the police box, one of the plain-clothes men telephoned Scotland Yard.

Presently he bent down the receiver and turned to Albert. "Okay," he said, "you can buzz off. You're not the man we thought."

Albert held back, badly frightened. In the North, in Wales, in the Midlands, he had collected 20 convictions.

But for a year he had kept clear of trouble working on farms until his feet ended his career in agriculture.

An hour later Albert was still punishing his feet on Bloomsbury's hard pavements.

One moment he seemed to have all London to himself, the next, he was again confronted by the two plain-clothes men who had stopped him before.

KEEPING IT DARK
"Where are you going?" one said. "For better with intent to steal from unattended cars. We watched you free the dear-handles."

"I never touched nothing," Albert protested.

Later that morning at the Clerkenwell court he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The policeman told their story. They did not mention their earlier encounter with Albert, and the magistrate, Mr. Edward Powell, might not have heard of it had not Albert said "The first time I bumped into these two, when they took me to the police-box."

"Had you seen this man earlier?" the magistrate asked.

One of the policemen explained: "When we found he was not the wanted man we let him go and apologised for any inconvenience."

NOT SOFT-HEARTED
The underlying suggestion he is making," said the magistrate, "is that you were a bit disappointed that he wasn't the man you thought, and so ran him in later?"

"Oh, no, sir," said the officer.

Corruption In London Police Force COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT

London, Nov. 17.
Sir John Nott Bower, Commissioner of Police for the greater London area, said today that Scotland Yard was determined "to stamp out any trace of corruption in the Metropolitan Police wherever it may arise."

But, he criticised some press reports of bribery in the London police force as "grossly unfair" and "unwarranted attacks upon a fine and conscientious body of men and women."

He termed it "grossly unjust" that the entire police force should be condemned because "a few weaker spirits yield to temptation."

His statement, an unusual step stressing the gravity with which he views present widespread criticism of the police, came after numerous reports in the press that the police force was under investigation and allegations that police were in the pay of gangsters in the Soho Bonemian London quarter.

KNIFE FIGHT
The police came under fire after the notorious knife fight in Soho between Jack "Spot" Comer, self-confessed gangster No. 1, and Albert Dimes. Although both men were severely wounded in the running battle, they were eventually acquitted.

Since then, a number of people have been arrested, including Mr. Comer, on charges of conspiring to defeat the course of justice.

Sir John Nott Bower said that he could not comment on some of the press reports as they concerned matters "likely to become the subject of criminal proceedings" and to comment on any specific allegation would be interfering with the course of justice.

He denied a press report that 450 men might be transferred from the West End Central London Police Division and that many officers had come under suspicion.

NO IMPORTANCE
He denied press reports that "top secret or even secret papers" had been missed from Scotland Yard. Police papers relating to women with criminal records, which were found in a private house recently, had "no security importance whatever," he said.

But, he added that their disappearance was of "serious importance" and being investigated. He could give no details as criminal proceedings might be involved.

He declared: "I and my officers will do our duty, however unpleasant that duty may be, but I would be wrong if I did not immediately refute all and any suggestions that the Metropolitan Police, as a body, is corrupt—suggestions which are grossly unfair, have no foundation in fact, and can do untold harm to the morale of London's police."—China Mail Special.

Lorry Driver Charged

A sequel to the disastrous traffic accident at Tyburn Tuck Reservoir when a number of people lost their lives at the beginning of the month was the charging of the driver of the lorry before Mr. Hin-ding Lo at Central this morning.

Au Yuen, 51, of 3 Chuen Loong Village, Sai Wan Ho, was charged with dangerous driving and with careless driving as an alternative. He pleaded not guilty to both charges and was granted bail of \$300.

Defendant, who was remanded for seven days, is alleged to have driven lorry No. 5517 in a dangerous manner along Island Road on November 6.

HE STILL WON'T SIGN FORM

A 41-year-old unemployed, Ho Sang, who yesterday refused to sign a formal caution form at the end of the committal proceedings against him for murder, still refused to sign the form this morning.

He was however committed to the December Criminal Sessions at Supreme Court for trial by Mr. W. F. Pickering sitting at Central Magistrate's Court.

He is alleged to have murdered Lam Shing, at 18 Russell Street, ground floor, on August 23.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"This fellow used to do my homework in high school—I'm going to give him a job!"

3 Years For "Genuinely Repentant" Robber

A man described as "one of those very unusual criminals who had genuine sorrow and remorse for what he had done" was sent to prison for three years by Mr Justice J. Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Wong Man-cheung, 30, unemployed, was told by His Lordship that the offence of robbery was a serious one, but he would take into account the circumstances of Wong's case.

Accused pleaded guilty to robbery with aggravation.

Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, told the Court that about 11.40 p.m. on August 3, Wong stopped a taxi outside the Princess Theatre in Kowloon. He directed the driver, Lo Chi, to drive to Tin Kwong Road.

On arriving there, the accused pressed a weapon—which afterwards turned out to be a toy revolver—against the driver's back and told him to give him all his money.

The driver turned over a total of \$24 to Wong, who ran away.

MAKES CONFESSION
On August 20, Wong surrendered himself at the Kowloon City Police Station and confessed to the robbery. He led the Police to where he had hidden the toy revolver.

"Your Lordship will see," Mr Mayne stated, "that although this offence is a particularly grave one and one which, I am sorry to say, is on the increase in the Colony at the present time, the accused appears to be one of those very unusual criminals who had genuine sorrow and remorse for what he had done."

Crown Counsel said Wong had a number of previous convictions, involving obtaining credit by fraud, larceny, attempted larceny and breach of bond.

Asked if he had anything to say, accused asked the Court for a light sentence.

Mr Justice Wicks told Wong that in normal circumstances in cases of this nature there would have been a long prison sentence with strokes of the cane.

In this case, His Lordship added, the prisoner appeared to have been genuinely repentant. He would also consider the fact that no injury was caused to the taxi driver.

Cadet Officer Appointed

H.E. the Governor has been pleased, under instruction from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to approve the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Wallis Joseph Topley, B.Sc. (Econ.) (London), to be Cadet Officer, Class II.

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings have been approved by H.E. the Governor: It was announced in the Gazette today: Mr. A. E. P. Grimmon remained duty as Chief Laboratory Technician; Mr. Laung Kwok-tak, Laboratory Technician, ceased to act as Chief Laboratory Technician; Mr. K. W. J. Topley, to be Labour Officer.

CLAIM FOR RETURN OF MONEY

COURT TOLD OF LOAN ARRANGEMENTS

Evidence of his arrangements with the United Chinese Bank concerning a loan and 400 tons of fertiliser from Japan was given by Chang Tien-thao before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

Chang is the brother of the manager of Kin Fong Hong, plaintiff company, who is suing the Bank (second defendants), the Oriental Development Co. (first defendants) who were said to have disappeared; and the Wah Shing Trading Co., who have also brought a counter-claim.

Represented by Mr Brook Bernasconi and Mr Patrick Yu (instructed by Mr W. W. Cheung), the plaintiff, is claiming \$90,000 against the missing firm as money loaned to them, and \$100,800 against the Bank as security which they allege the Bank undertook to pay them in the event of non-arrival of goods purchased by the missing firm.

The third defendant who is said to be a partner of the missing firm, is also claiming the \$100,800 from the Bank as a return of deposit. He claims that he financed the contract for the goods, 400 tons of sulphate of ammonia, and that he paid the money to the missing firm so that they could open letter of credit facilities with the Bank.

The second defendant, the Bank, is represented by the Hon. Leo D'Almeida, Q.C. and Mr. Oswald Cheung (instructed by Mr W.C.R. Carr) and the third defendant, Wah Shing, is represented by Mr John McNeill, Q.C. and Mr Victor Gilman (instructed by Mr F.K. d'Almeida).

SOLE PROPRIETOR
Chang Tien-thao, younger brother of Chang Chung-pou, said that the latter was the sole proprietor of the plaintiff firm and he merely worked there.

He testified that on April 29, 1952 Kwun Ang-ching, proprietor of the first defendant firm, Oriental Development Co., visited his brother. He took Kwun into his brother's office and left them together.

The following day Kwun visited his brother again and a business acquaintance, Fong Hin-yung, manager of Gibson Co. also called, said the witness.

He said that on that day his brother instructed him to accompany Kwun and Fong to the United Chinese Bank. The brother wanted him to ask the Bank for the name of the letter of credit concerning 400 tons of ammonium sulphate from Japan and to get the deposit transferred into the name of the Kin Fong Hong. His brother also told him to ask the Bank to pay the deposit to the Kin Fong Hong if the letter of credit expired.

INTRODUCED
Chang said that at that time he did not know the manager of the United Chinese Bank, but Fong was going to make the introductions. They went to the Bank and Fong introduced him to S. K. Yee the manager, as the younger brother of the proprietor of Kin Fong Hong, one of the leading firms in the Fukien community.

S. K. Yee replied that Fong was one of his regular customers and he would be very glad to accept any business introduced by Fong.

Chang said that he asked S. K. Yee whether the Oriental Development Co. had opened a letter of credit in respect of 400 tons of fertiliser to be shipped from Japan and Yee confirmed this.

"I told Mr Yee that the Oriental Development wanted to borrow \$100,000 from our firm and that we intended to give them the loan; that the condition was that the name of the letter of credit and the deposit should be transferred into our name, or that the United Chinese Bank should guarantee that if the goods were not shipped before the date of expiry of the letter of credit the Bank should return the deposit money to the Kin Fong Hong," the witness declared.

Further evidence is being given.

PROMOTED

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to approve the promotion of Flying Officer P. O. Scale and Flying Officer P. O. Doobah of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force to Flight Lieutenants effective from November 1, 1955. It was announced in the Gazette this morning.

Mr G. S. Edwards ceased to be a Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court with effect from October 26, 1955. It was notified in the Government Gazette today.

GUN DUEL SEQUEL

Man Charged On Four Counts

Chan Chuen, alias Tau Pei-chuen, 29, of 665 Canton Road, ground floor, appeared before Mr T. Crendon at Kowloon Court this morning in connection with an armed robbery and a gun duel in Kowloon last night.

Chan, charged with four counts of attempted armed robbery, attempted murder and possession of arms and ammunition without a licence, was remanded for four days in Police custody.

He was alleged to have attempted to rob Choi Hon-san at No. 29, Shanghai Street, ground floor, yesterday. He was also alleged to have attempted to murder Lau Mok-chiu and PC4105 Liu Cheung-fai. The fourth charge alleged that he had a revolver and six rounds of ammunition without a licence.

DRIVER'S APPEAL DISMISSED

Mr Justice J. Wicks in the Appeal Court this morning dismissed an appeal against severity of sentence passed on a lorry driver for driving without due care and attention.

The appellant was Chan Ying, who was convicted by J. T. Morris at Kowloon. He was given two months and had his driving licence suspended for 12 months.

Chan, who had three previous convictions of a similar nature, was represented this morning by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr M. K. Lam.

Mr Chen told the Court that appellant had a wife and two small children. Although he had previous convictions, the facts involved in those convictions were not serious ones.

In the present case, Counsel said, the offence took place on July 10 on the road from Shatin to Kowloon. He said it appeared that the Magistrate paid attention to the fact that there were bonds in the road but rather over-emphasised the nature of these bonds.

"SHORT" BENDS
Mr Chen submitted that the Magistrate, in passing what he called "this severe sentence," must have been under the impression that the bonds were "sharp" instead of "short."

In this case, he continued, the driver of the vehicle in front of appellant's lorry did signal to him that he could pass his vehicle at one of the bends, and he did so.

So, although there was evidence that appellant drove without due care and attention, Mr Chen said, he would ask for mercy under the circumstances.

He said he was sure His Lordship knew that work was difficult to obtain in Hong Kong. The punishment inflicted on the appellant would reduce his family and himself to poverty.

Mr Chen said further that appellant had never been involved in any serious accident through all his years of driving.

LIVES INVOLVED
Giving his decision, Mr Justice Wicks said the charge was a serious one, in that it involved the lives of other road users. He said he had taken into account all that had been said by Counsel, but he felt he could not interfere with the Magistrate's decision.

His Lordship said, however, that he would agree to date the sentence as from the day of arrest instead of from today.

Mr Simon L. Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Gazetted Appointments

The following appointments were announced in the Government Gazette today:

Mr R. G. Barradas, B.Sc. (Agric.), ARIC, to be an analyst for the purpose of Emergency (Agricultural) Pesticide Regulations, 1955; the Director of Audit to be an auditor of the Government's Fund Accounts; Mr R. W. Primrose, ACCS, to be Secretary to the Appeals Board; Mr Ho Pak-ping to be a Sub-Inspector of Regulations; Mr J. J. Swaine to be Secretary to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund Committee.

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